

**Town Council Meeting Minutes**  
**North Town Hall**  
**August 14, 2017**

Mayor Carson called the regular meeting of council to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Councilmembers Cook, Jones and Washington.

- Mayor Carson declared a quorum and welcomed visitors.
- Mayor Carson then led Council and visitors in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Mayor Carson also called for a moment of silence in remembrance of Fire Chief Gambrell.
- Councilmember Cook made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 12th, 2017, Public Hearing. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Washington and upon vote the minutes were approved unanimously.
- Councilmember Cook made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 10th, 2017, Council Meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Jones and upon vote the minutes were approved unanimously.
- Councilmember Washington made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 24th, 2017 Special Called Meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Jones and upon vote the minutes were approved unanimously.

**POLICE REPORT: Chief Lin Shirer (report attached)**

- Chief Shirer stated that the previous month's 4th of July fireworks were a success and would become an annual event.
- Chief Shirer announced that he attended a program held by the City of Orangeburg about avoiding car break-ins. He advised that there have been an increase in car break-ins in the area. He asked that the public be vigilant; lock their car doors and remove any weapons from the vehicles.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Account Statement for July, 2017 was reviewed by Council. Mayor Carson stated that there were still penny sales tax receipts to submit.
- Mayor Carson swore in Mr. Steve Salley as a member of the Municipal Election Committee. The other two members, Linda Adams and Mary Stack, were not present and will be sworn in at the next regular Council Meeting.
- The North-Pelion All-Stars were recognized by Council for their outstanding performance on the baseball field. Mayor Carson awarded each child a certificate with their name on it and the children had their group picture taken for the newspaper. Mayor Carson also thanked Mr. Kelley and Mrs. Brittany Livingston for their tireless effort managing the children's baseball. Mr. and Mrs. Livingston, in turn, thanked the Town of North for help with the baseball field.
- Mayor Carson discussed the Waste Water Treatment Plant Improvements Project. Some of the improvements include: having a second back up for waste water discharge, electrical work and maintenance on fiber glass housing at the WWTP. The cost of the work will be reimbursed by penny sales tax funds. The town has received a special permit from DHEC to complete the work. Councilmember Washington made a motion to approve option 2 for the WWTP Improvements project. Councilmember Cook seconded the motion and upon vote was approved unanimously. The Town also recently underwent a DHEC sanitary survey inspection. Prior to the inspection and following DHEC's recommendation, a fence was installed at the well house and the building was painted to further protect the Town's drinking water.
- Council held the second reading of Ordinance 2017-02, an Ordinance amending the Town of North Official Zoning Map dated 2015. The first reading was during the June 12th regular Council Meeting. Following the recommendation of the Planning Commission, the properties to be amended by the Ordinance were voted on en mass and not individually. Councilmember Washington made a motion to

accept Ordinance 2017-02. Councilmember Jones seconded the motion and upon vote was approved unanimously. **REED**

- Ms. Suzanne ~~Cook~~ and Ms. Bridget Salley presented a plan for Christmas in North 2017. The committee handling this project includes Ms. Cook, Ms. Salley, Councilmember Daniel Jackson and Mr. Donaldson. The committee is looking to add a 5<sup>th</sup> member as well. Mrs. Cook announced that the theme of this year's Christmas celebration is "Christmas at the North Pole." The Christmas committee is planning for a Christmas parade and a day of festivities on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. They want to start with a parade at 10 am, have events throughout the day and close with a tree lighting ceremony at 5:30pm. They want the activities to be family oriented. They are considering bringing in DHEC approved food vendors and involving local churches. They plan to hand out flyers ahead of time and have several funding options. To fund the Christmas festivities the Christmas Committee plans to ask local businesses for donations, hold raffles and place donations jars at several locations. Councilmember Jones made a motion to appoint Suzanne Cook as head of the Christmas Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Washington and upon vote was approved unanimously.
- Councilmember Cook stated that she had spoken with an Orangeburg representative concerning the Western Orangeburg County Business Expo. The County is waiting on a response from the community before setting a date, to determine if many businesses will participate. Therefore, the Expo may not be held until next year.
- Councilmember Cook also commented on the Economic Development project. She has spoken with several County and other representatives in an effort to attract businesses to the Town. She is looking into several grants and the Town's need for a community center.

#### MAYOR'S REPORT (attached)

- Mayor Carson attended the annual Family and Friends day at the North Edisto Lodge this month. The event was a community outreach program. They handed out school supplies and had lunch for the attendees.
- Orangeburg County is initiating a county wide cleanup effort from September 17<sup>th</sup> through the 30<sup>th</sup> and is giving out supplies, such as gloves. Mayor Carson is calling for a Town wide "Clean your Sidewalk Day" on the two Saturdays during that time. Ordinance 10.221 states each homeowner is responsible for the sidewalk adjacent to his or her property. She asked Councilmember Jones to lead this campaign, which will show pride in the community and comply with Ordinance 10.221.
- Carson asked that Deborah Cook apply for two MASC grants that are for economic development. The information and application for the grants are on the MASC website.

#### COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Councilmember Washington announced that he would be part of a program at Dover Elementary on August 23<sup>RD</sup> that gives out backpacks filled with school supplies. He is also going to be heading up a tennis shoe giveaway program.
- Councilmember Jones announced that some of the missing/damaged street signs in the community have been replaced. He is continuing to work with the County and State to replace the other missing/damaged signs.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS (written request)

- There were no written requests for public comments.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS per sign-in sheet (3 minutes)

- There were no public comment requests per the sign in sheet.

#### ADJOURNMENT

- There being no further business Councilmember Cook made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jones and upon vote was unanimously approved.

The next Council meeting will be held on Monday September 11th, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne B Culler  
Town Clerk

Mayor Patty Carson: Patty Carson

Council Members:

Jeff Washington: Jeff Washington

Julius Jones: ABSENT

Daniel Jackson: ABSENT

Deborah Cook: Deborah Cook